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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Eugenio C. Garcia, et al.

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Application No.: 10/689,510

Art Unit: N/A

Filed: October 21, 2003

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For: FLOORING SYSTEM HAVING SUB PANELS  
WITH COMPLEMENTARY EDGE  
PATTERNS

Customer No.: 30827

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Petition to Make Special the above-identified Patent application.

Applicants petition to make this application special under 37 CFR 1.102 (c) on the basis of the advanced age of Applicant Vicente Sabater. Accordingly, Applicants request that this Petition to Make Special be granted and the application undergo accelerated examination.

Furthermore, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.102 (c) and (d) no fee is required.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0911, under Order No. 5724.017.23-US. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

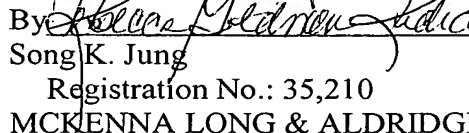
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**AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT IN SUPPORT OF  
PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.102(C)**

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Dear Sir:

In support of the Petition to Make Special under 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c), I, Vicente Sabater,  
hereby state the following:

- (1) I am an Applicant in the patent application identified above, which covers  
"Embossed In-Register Panel System."
- (2) I was born on November 24, 1934, and therefore, I am 69 years old.

All statements made herein are true and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 12, 2004

  
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Vicente Sabater